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## Israel Celebrates Independence



**ROCKING OUT ISRAELI STYLE**—Esther Sorkin, Israel Survival Club president, shakes a leg during Jewish Awareness Week festivities at Monarch Square Tuesday.



**STILL FIGHTING**—Likeh Majzner, Holocaust Resistance Fighter and a leading member of Jewish Labor Bund in Poland, talks about her experiences in the "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," last Thursday in H101 as a contribution to Jewish Awareness Week.

Israel's 32nd Independence Day was celebrated Tuesday, ending Jewish Awareness Week.

The celebration consisted of singing, dancing, music and Jewish foods.

This year Jewish Awareness Week was separated into two parts, the first dealing with the tragedy of the Holocaust, Yom Ha-Shoah, and the second the celebration of the Independence of Israel and the dedication of the Jews for their freedom and security, Yom Ha-Atzmaut.

"The point of Jewish Awareness Week is to help non-Jews learn and understand a little about the Jews. I think the week was super," said Rabbi Jerry Goldstein.

"There were big turn outs for some programs. One night for Operation Thunderbolt we had 70 and later in the evening 120 people. Also Education for Auschwitz was interesting. It explained how the Nazis taught Germans to be anti-Semitic. The presentation was made by Professor Adrienne Zahler of the Speech Department," said Goldstein.

The Israel Survival Club contributed traditional Jewish foods, bagels with cream cheese, chopped liver, and cake.

"I think the week went very well," commented Esther Sorkin, president of Israel Survival Club. "The programs were all varied with speakers and films, and they were enjoyed by students as well as members of the community. It was an outstanding Jewish Awareness Week."

Live music was furnished by a group called "Quabala" with David Blum on violin and bass, David Lamm, vocals and guitar, and Erin Rubinstein on keyboards. They played such horas as Hava Nagila, and set traditional Jewish prayers to music.

"The week was very creative. It brought the Jews out to say 'hey I'm Jewish' said Director of Aish ha Torah, Rabbi Block.



**PTEI AVON**—Israeli and Jewish foods highlighted the festivities on the 32nd Anniversary of Israel's Independence. Live music by "Quabala," singing, dancing, decorations were also featured.

## NewsNotes

### STUDENT BOARD MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Applications for LACCD student board members are available in CC 100. Residents of the district who are currently enrolled at a district college are eligible to apply. For further information, contact the Office of Student Affairs, CC 100.

### GRADUATION SPEAKER CONTEST

Students who are being graduated this summer may compete for the opportunity to speak at their commencement ceremonies. All interested graduates may write a three-minute address on the theme of "Challenge of the '80's." For more information, contact CC 100 or call ext. 243 before the May 2 deadline.

### PHOTO CONTEST

"Jewishness at LAVC" is the theme of a photograph contest this month, sponsored by Hillel, in conjunction with Jewish Awareness Week. First prize is a trophy and a \$25 gift certificate to Valley Photo Service. All entries must be turned in by the April 30 deadline. Hillel House is located at 13164 Burbank Blvd., across the street from the LAVC campus.

### FALL COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS

The program counselors encourage all students to make counseling appointments now for their fall course load. The staff points out that the May and June rush for appointments can be avoided by seeking aid early.

### JOB FAIR

A Job Fair is scheduled to be on-campus on Tuesday, May 13. Various companies will set up representative booths in Monarch Square, tentatively between the hours of noon and 7 p.m.

### ASB OFFICE PETITIONS AVAILABLE

Petitions for Fall '80 officers are available until May 1 for qualified students. Applicants must not have more than 70 completed units or an A.A. degree. A paid I.D., continuous enrollment in at least nine units, and a GPA of at least 2.0 are also requisites. For more information, call ext. 361 or go to CC 104.

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP DAY

Good Citizenship Day has been set for April 29, by the Board of Trustees. Next Tuesday the administration, faculty, and student government will encourage members of the community college to register to vote and participate in the June 3 election.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Mailer voter registration forms are available to students wishing to register to vote at CC 100 or any L.A. City Fire Department stationhouses.

### TRUSTEE VISIT

Trustee Rick Tuttle will meet today with faculty members at 11 a.m. in the faculty lounge. As a guest of the Faculty Association/Senate, Tuttle will discuss Valley problems and obtain faculty opinions and solutions.

### NAACP PETITIONERS

Anyone already signed up on an NAACP petition for an on-campus chapter should contact Willie Bellamy in CC 102E.

## Students Aid Red Cross' Blood Drive

By GWEN MACDONALD  
Staff Writer

Intentional bloodletting took place on campus this week when the public as well as staff and students took part in the Red Cross blood drive which netted more than 200 units of blood as of presstime.

Johnny Estrin, blood drive chairman, said the donation program ran behind because of the rain Tuesday. There was a problem because the donation center is located at the heart of campus, which made it difficult for the public to locate the bloodmobile in Monarch Hall.

Giving blood is an interruption and an inconvenience in daily routines, said Randy Horshok, assistant director for blood services with the L.A./Orange County Red Cross. However, this is the only way the Red Cross can collect blood.

The donor's contribution is welcomed by everyone—the Red Cross which distributes the blood to various hospitals for use in trauma cases; the victim who receives the blood which could mean the difference between life and death; and finally, the donor who gives and by giving feels better for his efforts, said Horshok.

Estrin gave special thanks to MEChA, which signed up 100 percent of its members for donation; and the Campus Christian Fellowship Club and Senior Citizens Club which were responsible for manning the blood drive sign-up booths.

**CORRECTION**  
Chancellor Kolai was quoted in the April 10 issue of Star as saying that senior citizens constituted 80 percent of the enrollment at Valley. Actually, his reference was to students over 21.

## THIS WEEK'S 10,000 WORDS



**THAR SHE BLOWS**—Prof. Richard Raskoff, Earth Sciences chief, explodes his own Mount St. Helens Friday for his Geography 1 class.

## Enrollments Look Bleak

By GWEN MACDONALD  
Staff Writer

Although Ken Palmer, assistant dean in charge of summer school, was able to make available last Friday a listing of approximately 100 summer school classes which might be offered to students, Palmer was concerned about the number of students who will not be able to attend because of class and budget cuts.

"Last year we had approximately 6,000 students attending summer session. However, this year we have room for only 4,000 students," said Palmer. "This includes continuing and new students."

"Since continuing students receive priority enrollment, there is a possibility that new students will find classes closed when they enroll," said Merle Fish, Evening Coordinator of Admission and Records.

"As it stands, we have room for 2,500 new students, but this is on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is no room, they will be turned away."

The L.A. Community College District has made budget cuts which ultimately were reflected in class reduction because of the possibility of the passage of Proposition 9, said Fish.

"Proposition 9 comes at a difficult time for us," said Palmer. "The budget runs from July to June. We have always put the first week of summer school in the last week of the prior year's budget, and the remainder of the summer session goes into the upcoming year's budget."

"Since the district does not know how much money can be allocated for the next year's budget because of the possible passage of Proposition 9,

they are taking a conservative stand. However, they have not taken the same stand as they did when Proposition 13 was put to the voters—at that time all summer classes were canceled."

Before the Board of Trustees made their budget cuts, the total going to the district was \$3 million. After the cut, the district received \$1.7 million. Of that amount, Valley received the largest allotment which amounts to \$277,920, according to Mary Anne Brunett, coordinator administrative services.

Valley received the largest amount of money because of its size, number of students attending, the summer session, and the programs offered, said Palmer.

The budget provides money for summer teachers, student-workers, substitute teachers, and other essentials for program operation such as artist models and life guards. The salaries of administrators and other personnel necessary for the continuation of the college is based on a yearly budget and is not part of the summer school budget, said Palmer.

Asked what other cuts could be expected on campus if the budget needed to be trimmed further for the next semester, Palmer believes that part-time teachers would be the first to be cut because they do not have tenure. The full-time would then have to fill in, and this would mean a heavier load for everyone, he said.

Commenting on the effect on campus if Proposition 9 was defeated, Palmer said it probably would be too late to offer additional classes because of the short time from election day to the opening of the summer session.

## ASB Funds Assigned; Radio, Sports Benefit

By TRINE-LISE BJELKEVIK  
Staff Writer

Campus improvements began Tuesday after a vote by ASB to install \$2,600 worth of new radio equipment for Valley College's station, KVCM. The money comes from the \$10,000 committee budget surplus.

The motion was made by Z. Ernie Spiegel, Commissioner of Special Limitations, who felt that a wide broadcast of Valley's radio station, would encourage students to get more involved in school and school government." Other ASB Commissioners agreed. "Any time ASB and the faculty approve upon student's education and their accomplishments, we would help," Sheri Finley, ASB Treasurer said.

The Executive Council voted 10-1 for the motion.

Dave Norton, Commissioner of Intramural Sports, made a motion to give Valley's swim team \$300 to cover expenses during their participation in State Championships, which will be held in East L.A. next month. The money would be used for lodging and transportation for Valley's 10 participants.

"It's good PR for Valley that we take part in this championship," Norton said, "and I don't think it is fair that students should cover these expenses themselves."

He explained to the Council that this expense was minimal compared to the cost of such an activity, and the team would never ask for more money than it truly needed.

"The coach is paying his expenses," he said. "The money would only go to the swimmers." The ASB Commissioners supported his motion by voting 11-0.

However, Dave Norton failed to receive another \$225 for athletes' meals during the event.

Suheel Ghareeb, ASB Vice-President, asked ASB for \$500 to send three ASB representatives (Ron Plank, ASB President; Felicia Brown, Commissioner of Elections; and himself) to a CCCSGA Convention which will be held in Oakland April 25-27. The money will cover plane fare and three nights' lodging.

"I feel that this will be to a great advantage to the commissioners and Valley College," Ghareeb said. "All of us plan to continue in Valley's stu-

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### GRADUATION PETITIONS

The deadline for filing petitions for graduation in Summer '80 is Friday, May 2, at 4 p.m. Petitions are available in the Credit Office, Room 127 of the Administration Building.

The Valley Star's position on issues is discussed only in the editorials presented on this page. Star editorials are the unanimous viewpoint of the Editorial Board. Columns on this page are the opinions of individual staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of the Star. Staff cartoons do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the artist.

## All Should Know Past

History repeats itself.

Sixty five years ago, more than a million Armenians were murdered by the Turks.

Scarcely 40 years ago, 12 million Jews, Gypsies, Poles, and others were murdered by the Nazis.

For hundred of years, countless native Americans have died as a result of the White man's entry into the New World.

A list of the world's great tragedies could go on and on—and should.

Star believes it is important for all people to know about the past, even—and especially—the parts they would rather not know about.

Many people say, "Why should I learn about such sad events? It's painful. Why

not just forget about them?"

Many people have done just that. And, as the author George Santayana said, "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Sadly, the horrors are not behind us. Right now, at least two other groups of people are fast being destroyed, due to a combination of economic and political pressures. They are the Falashas (black Jews) of Ethiopia and the Cambodians in Southeast Asia. These are current realities about which every person should become informed.

Star would be happy to put readers in touch with people who are working to help save these groups from annihilation.

## GUEST COLUMN

### Marijuana Initiative Plants Seeds

By LANCE PHILLIPS

Staff Writer

"Home grown is all right with me, home grown is the way it should be, home grown is a good thing, plant that bell and let it ring."

For those that haven't heard; the above is from a Neil Young song about marijuana.

For those of you who care about marijuana and would like to hear new words put to an old law, then decriminalization of possession, transportation and cultivation for adult personal use, must be music to your ears. If it is, you have one week left, until May 1, 1980 to sign your name and be heard.

By signing one of the California Marijuana Initiative (CMI '80) petitions, currently being circulated in the southland and throughout the state, you can help put marijuana on the ballot in this November's election.

The initiative needs 600,000 signatures from registered voters to make it on the '80 ballot and every signature is one step closer.

## OFF THE WALL

### Gripers Homogenized

By LISA KINGSLEY

Editor-in-Chief

It shouldn't come as any big surprise to anyone that America is the most technically advanced nation in the world. What is fast gaining publicity around the world is that we have, per capita, the largest percentage of well-fed, well-educated, homogenized gripers this side of the Iron Curtain.

Here in the land of the free, and home of the dacron/polyester three piece suits (\$155.95) resides the species homo gripeus, first reported sighting approximately three million years ago, when one was heard to mutter, "Good grief Martha, turn the fire down, the ice age was last century!"

It's been gripe-time ever since.

The best thing about progress is that it provides the American public with that much more to complain about.

With the brilliant leadership and high moral guidelines set by our helmsman and his recent predecessors, we are provided with more than enough opportunities for some good, soul-inspired griping.

The gas crisis, while serious, is not the doomsday some pessimists have been worrying about. Therefore, saving gas, carpooling, and driving less will do nothing, absolutely nothing to alleviate the situation.

Anyway, you know the so-called crunch is really a hoax and the fault of (pick one) A) the Arabs. B) the oil companies out for a profit. C) Barney down at the plant, who's been trying for years to get your preferred parking space.

As Americans we have the God-given right to enjoy free enterprise, Notre Dame football, and the decision to adjust our thermostats at will.

This provides not only warmth but an exhilarating rush as you watch Jimmy strut around snug (and freezing), in his cardigan.

According to CMI headquarters in Los Angeles, support has been picking up in the last month, but the problem of voter registration has slowed the campaign and continues to hurt it. "Getting people registered to vote had really slowed things down," said CMI worker Doyle Heffenger. "We really need people registered so they can sign the petitions," he said.

May 1 is the deadline for the 600,000 petitions to be signed and returned. If the May deadline is not met, the people at CMI have expressed that they will seek a penalty for the extension of circulating petitions til May 27. Such a penalty will cost CMI an additional 30,000 signatures to be gathered before it can be put to the voters in November.

If this initiative fails to make the ballot in '80 it may take another five years till they can try again. That's five long years that Californians can't afford.

Your signature will break the chain of apathy in California and may make it legal for adults to possess and grow marijuana for personal use. This year

it's you that have a chance to make the law makers in our state face the music, but without the 600,000 signatures Sacramento could remain deaf for a longer time to come.

## EDITOR'S RESPONSE

### Birth Control Column Misread

Star recently published an article entitled "Birth Control Pills: Both Sides."

A side from a misleading headline which should have read "Birth Control Pills: Flip Side," the column was interpreted by some as it was based on a recent personal experience.

A rebuttal column, written by Andrea Sherman, appeared in last week's issue of Star, stating "...every doctor prescribing the pill to his patient must firmly cover the risks, as well as issue printed literature on the dangers of the pill, and include directions on how to properly use it."

The problem is, not all doctors explain to their patients the risks involved. Sometimes the patient's well-being is taken for granted, as was in my case.

Sherman also stated that "No doctor who believes in the Hippocratic Oath would issue the pill to a patient whose health and welfare it might endanger."

In a recent meeting with my gynecologist, she explained that one of the main reasons

she prescribes birth control pills is "because the majority of women they are prescribed for are teenagers and women in their twenties. Many teenagers are not responsible enough to use other means of birth control and I don't want them taking chances getting pregnant."

Sherman's concluding paragraph read "no woman who is serious and responsible about her sexuality would place her health in a dangerous position if she was told that the risks were minimal."

Many women, myself included, who share "post pill" symptoms shouldn't be stereotyped as "irresponsible." We also care a great deal about our sexuality and wouldn't intentionally chance jeopardizing our health.

Sherman also stated that "No doctor who believes in the Hippocratic Oath would issue the pill to a patient whose health and welfare it might endanger."

On numerous occasions I had asked my former doctor if I should switch to another method of birth control. He told me no, that "the pill" was "fine and safe" for me, and that it wouldn't produce any side effects.

In addition to the treatment

the doctor was supposed to administer, he was to make sure I had the required check-up every six months. This rule was never enforced, so in turn, it was ignored.

I am not saying all doctors are bad, nor am I saying all of them are apathetic about following the strict guidelines in birth control.

There are too few doctors who really care about their patients' future after they discontinue using the "pill."

Maybe if I was informed properly of the risks by a caring, less apathetic doctor, I wouldn't be in my present condition, which incidentally, has lingered on for more than a year.

Since you care so much to defend "the pill," Andrea, and if in fact you use it, I sincerely hope that when you discontinue use, you don't have a most displeasurable "post pill" experience. Believe me, once you have tasted the misery, I guarantee you'll have the last say.

—Blimling

## LETTERS TO THE STAR

### Prof. Condemns Grads; Student Upset

Today as I attended my Philosophy class, I sat in my seat waiting patiently for the lecture on Philosophy to begin. The professor chose to talk about the students at LAVC who are here and do not attain academic achievement in a grade point sense.

The professor proceeded to grin in a sadistic way, pointing out how much these classes would cost at a university. Next, he chose to literally make fun of the Valley College student, asking the question, "Would you hire a Valley College graduate?"

I started to think about what a tremendous waste of time and energy

**LETTERS**  
The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from its readers.

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Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

the professor had spent. If only he could encourage students to excell or to gain knowledge. After all, isn't that why students are attending school in the first place?

He stated that "the law" required students to attend school, so that they may receive a letter grade. Well, I thought, yes, the letter grade is important, but how can that compare to what one may gain from a class in terms of knowledge, and why discourage a student's desire to obtain this knowledge?

Perhaps he is correct in stating that the letter grade is important, but whatever happened to knowledge, gaining insight, obtaining clarity on a certain subject? The professor believes that what you are in school for is only to obtain vocational goals. How wrong can you be? School is also

a learning experience, a place where one can grow.

I strongly urge professors to encourage their students and I urge students to encourage themselves because when a student must sit through a condemning lecture at his own school, it makes it that much more difficult to remind oneself that this campus, LAVC, is rich in education and offers one many different areas to expand in.

It is pretentious to say that things at school are always easy, but professor, it is equally pretentious to overlook the positive aspects of education. By putting down your own students, you are putting down yourself!

Stanley Schwarz  
Design Major

In response to the Viewpoint article entitled "Bad Taste Calls for Dress Code," I question exactly what a teacher should look like. Strict codes defining how students should dress were changed years ago. The idea of now imposing a dress code for teachers seems preposterous.

Many great teachers in the past, including Socrates, Thomas Jefferson and Gandhi, were criticized for their less than appropriate dress. Fortunately, people were able to look

past their outward appearance to their penetrating ideas and good hearts.

As a child of the '60's, one important lesson learned during that time was that dress is one of the least important determinants in judging the worth of an individual.

I wonder if Albert Einstein would have been any more brilliant in Jordon's Jeans.

Elizabeth Martin  
Psychology Major

offering assistance.

But if nothing is done soon, an entire race of people will perish from the earth forever. Already close to 6 million have died out of the country's pre-war eight million people, making this one of the worst and most disgraceful disasters in history. Particularly when most people in this country are overfed and waste food shamefully.

It is Star's conviction that now is the time to realize that we are all citizens of the world and can no longer segment ourselves from problems in other lands any longer, especially those with the magnitude of the genocide taking place in Cambodia. And when any world citizen dies needlessly it puts us all through a slow death.

## COMMENTARY

### Impact of Genocides Considered

By DON VOLK

Staff Writer

Today, April 24, is the commemoration day for 1 million Armenians who were brutally murdered by the Turks in 1915. It was the first genocide of the 20th century. It was, however, not to be the last. Today we should consider the impact of genocide on a civilized world.

One might say that the murder of one million Armenians is too remote and too distant a problem to worry about in 1980. After all, there are hostages being held in Iran, inflation moves daily toward a major economic catastrophe, and war looms on several fronts.

Besides, there is nothing that can be done for those 1 million Armenians.

Nothing can be done for those one million Armenians. Nothing will cause blood to surge through their veins again. Nothing will cause laughter to spring from their throats. But it is up to us to think about the world in which we live and for us to consider that genocide is not a remote, isolated problem in the 20th century.

Genocide is the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national or racial group. It is murder committed by governments. Murder for economic and political reasons. Murder carefully thought out and implemented by men who govern nations.

Genocide is not an isolated incident. Consider that throughout history there have been numerous cases.

There were not only one million Armenians. There were six million Jews in Europe. There were 20,000 aborigines in Tasmania. There were not only one million Armenians. There were untold numbers of Cambodians.

Genocide is not a pleasant subject. How to prevent its occurrence is another problem. Mass murder is not a policy that governments publicize. It is not a problem that can be solved by electing a different head of state.

It is an issue of peoples' inhumanity to other people. It is an issue of awareness. It is an issue that originates in bigotry, in hatred, and in fear. It is an issue about which people do not think.

Our literature, our sciences, our arts, our music, indeed our humanity are greatly diminished because we did not have the minds and hearts of those one million Armenians. Those six million Jews. Those 20,000 aborigines. Those untold numbers of Cambodians.

## CORRECTION

In the April 10 edition of Star, T.K. Scott's letter to the editor stated that Suheil Gharib was ASB president. In actuality, he is vice president. (Sorry, Ron.)

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## Black Jews In Ethiopia Need Help, Speaker Says

By JUDITH PFEFFER  
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Black Jews in Ethiopia face annihilation if they do not receive immediate aid, according to a presentation held April 16 by the Israeli Survival Club as part of Jewish Awareness Week.

Mark Squires, a rescue worker for the Black Jews, or Falashas, narrated a slide show and answered questions.

"Jews have been alive in Ethiopia for hundreds of years, but they won't be alive much longer," said Squires. "They need the help of Jews and other friends and of Israel and the United States."

Falashas are the poorest people in Ethiopia, according to Squires, earning the equivalent of \$60 a year. They are sharecroppers who owe 75 percent of their produce as rent. They suffer from many diseases that exist in Ethiopia, and their average life span is 36 years, he said.

They are religious Jews whose history and traditions go back to Biblical times, Squires continued. Until 1867, when they met French explorer Joseph HaLevy, they believed themselves to be the only Jews in the world. Now the Falashas would like to move to Israel, but it is difficult to do.

"There are two main problems functioning to prevent their coming to Israel," said Squires. "Ethiopia is a fragmented country due to revolutions and counter-revolutions. The government permits no minority groups to leave the country, and the Falashas are definitely a minority group—there are at most 25,000 left."

"Also, though Israel is publicly committed to the Falashas, and some officials are working hard to bring them over, others are dragging their feet. At the rate they're going it could take 20 years, and the Falashas could well be dead in 10 years."

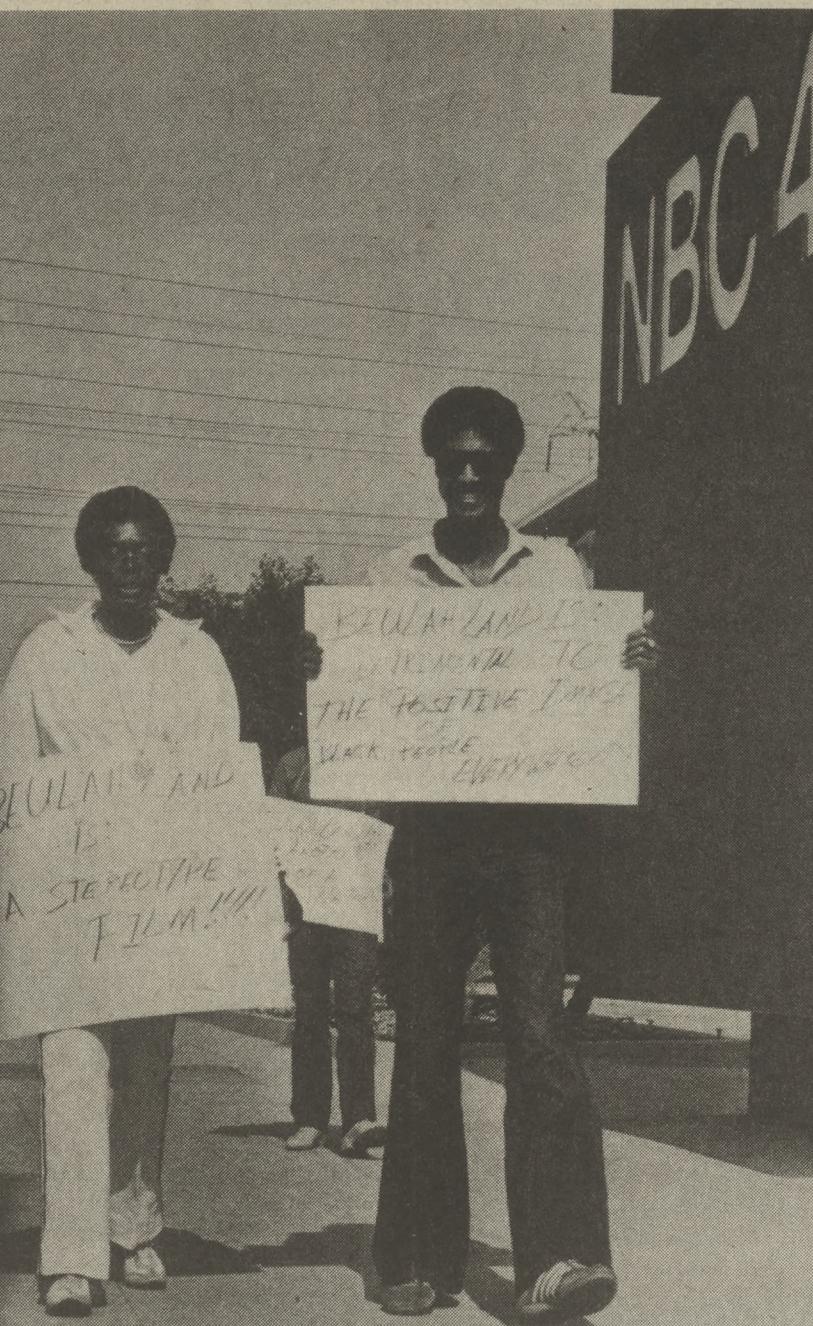
At the beginning of the meeting, before the presentation, stamped postcards were distributed for signature by members of the Israel Survival Club. They were addressed to the UJA (United Jewish Appeal), a major Jewish charitable organization. The postcards bore a printed message asking that the UJA make aid to the Falashas a high priority, and also asked the organization to request support from Israeli and U.S. governments on this issue.

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Administration 104



AIRING THEIR FEELINGS—in front of NBC studios last Thursday picketing the upcoming film "Beulah Land" are Barbara Stoffer, instructor of Afro-American studies, and John Rier.

Star photo by MICHELE NORWOOD

## ASB Funds Assigned

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dent government and we will get training at this convention."

Sheri Finley reminded the commissioners that if Proposition 9 passes, ASB would not be financially able to support a convention like this. "We should take the opportunity and participate now when we are able to. This is a sensible way to spend part of the \$10,000."

Ghareib's motion passed 6-2-2.

G.P. Kubek, Commissioner of Evening Division and chairman of the \$10,000 Committee, opened debate on whether an ASB newsletter should go into effect. The newsletter would cover the weekly ASB meetings and explain to Valley

students how student government works and operates. The money would be taken out of the ASB budget. Sheri Finley felt that the ASB events could be passed to the students in some other way.

"I would like to see the ASB happenings added to the Weekly Bulletin, not in a separate newspaper," she said.

The motion will be taken up to debate at a later ASB meeting.

In regards to the \$10,000 Committee, Ron Plank announced that he would like the Committee Chairman to set up a budget to itemize where the money should be spent. The Executive Council would later vote upon these requests.

## BSU Pickets at NBC, Protests Mini-Series

By KELLY JOHNSTON  
Staff Writer

The Black Studies Union (BSU) picketed NBC Studios last Thursday in protest against a six-hour mini-series "Beulah Land," scheduled to be aired in November.

Black organizations have charged the film with portraying Blacks in a negative image and using Black/White stereotypes.

"Our intent in picketing is for people to become knowledgeable toward the Black culture," said Jose DeSosa, president of the San Fernando Valley NAACP.

The film depicts life on a Georgia plantation from 1827-1872. It has been said by numerous groups that the film is highly violent, with two suicides, two rapes, and four murders.

"I believe the film will speak for itself, and it will exonerate me from the basic charges of these groups," said David Gerber, executive producer of "Beulah Land."

The Hollywood-based Caucus for Producers, Writers, and Directors have issued a statement: "No matter how well intentioned or how worthy the motivation, it is contrary to every precept of creative freedom for pressure groups to indulge in prior censorship by attempting to intimidate a television network or station from airing any given program."

"It is not prior censorship," stated Saundra Sharp from the Coalition Against the Airing of Beulah Land in a meeting Tuesday to explain why the coalition did not support the idea of the picket.

"We have read both scripts of the film, therefore it is not prior censorship. We are advocating that people contact one of the 209 affiliates of NBC and indicate that, should our protest be ignored, a national selective buying campaign will be initiated against the show's sponsors. Also writing letters of protest to NBC," said Sharp.

"I believe the picketing is effective in the fact that it is showing how we feel," said Willie Bellamy, commissioner of Black studies. "We hope NBC will get the point and can the film. We will stop the showing of this film by any means."

Barbara Stoffer, instructor in Afro-American History, admitted she was concerned with the psychological effects this film would have on young people's self-image.

"It is time for model roles to be set.

Children need to feel proud of who they are and what they are. They need to know of the people who made positive contributions to society," said Stoffer.

"If NBC wants to make a movie about Black people, why don't they make a film on the life of Dr. Charles Drew, who taught the world about blood plasma, and then died because he was not admitted into a hospital when sick because he was Black," added Stoffer.

Other campus groups joining the picket line were members of the

Arabic Student Body, past ASB president Richard Cossill, current vice-president Suheil Ghareib, and Rochell Howe from the Young Workers Liberation League.

"I think it is very unfortunate that more Valley students did not show up to lend their support. This time it is the Blacks under attack, who have had enough, next it will be the Jews and Mexicans. We must put an end to this," said Ghareib.

The BSU is planning another picket in the near future.

## What's Happening

### EARTH SCIENCE LECTURE

"The California Gray Whale: Return of the Heavies," will be the topic of Richard M. Raskoff's second entry in the Spring '80 Lecture Series of the Earth Science Department. This exploration of the aquatic mammals will be delivered Tuesday, April 29, at 11 a.m. in Math/Science 109. All interested persons are welcomed.

### PLANETARIUM LECTURE

"Space Travel, Today and Tomorrow," will be discussed by Lecturer Stephen Fentress tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Planetarium. Admission is \$1 for adults; 75 cents for children and no admission fee for Gold Card holders.

### ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS' INTERVIEWS

Fairchild Xincos Systems will be interviewing for electronic test technicians today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Requirements are knowledge of basic electronics, AC theory, device knowledge, and at least one semester of digital devices. To sign up and for more information, contact the Placement Office.

### BAGEL BRUNCH

Hungry students are invited to sign up for bagels in CC 108 for the Bagel Brunch tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon in the same room.

### BUSINESS WORKSHOP

"How to Start Your Own Business," a workshop designed primarily for women will be held in Monarch Hall, Tuesday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Attendees will learn about being their own boss, choosing the right business, assessing their skills, and financing the venture.

Registration forms are available through the Community Services Program. For further information call 988-7371. Admission: \$5.

## Placement Services Available For Valley Students, Graduates

Students and graduates of Valley seeking employment are eligible for placement services at the Job Placement Center.

Applying students must fill out an application at CC 116 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

listing job background, schools attended, and special interests. Additionally, applicants listen to a 15-minute orientation about job hunting.

"There are many positions, now part-time, that may become full-time during the summer. We have many listings offering jobs as lifeguards or camp counselors, and there are some YMCA opportunities," said placement coordinator Shari Cross.

Students can apply for up to three jobs daily and are encouraged by the center to inform them of employment so the job listing can be removed from the bulletin board.

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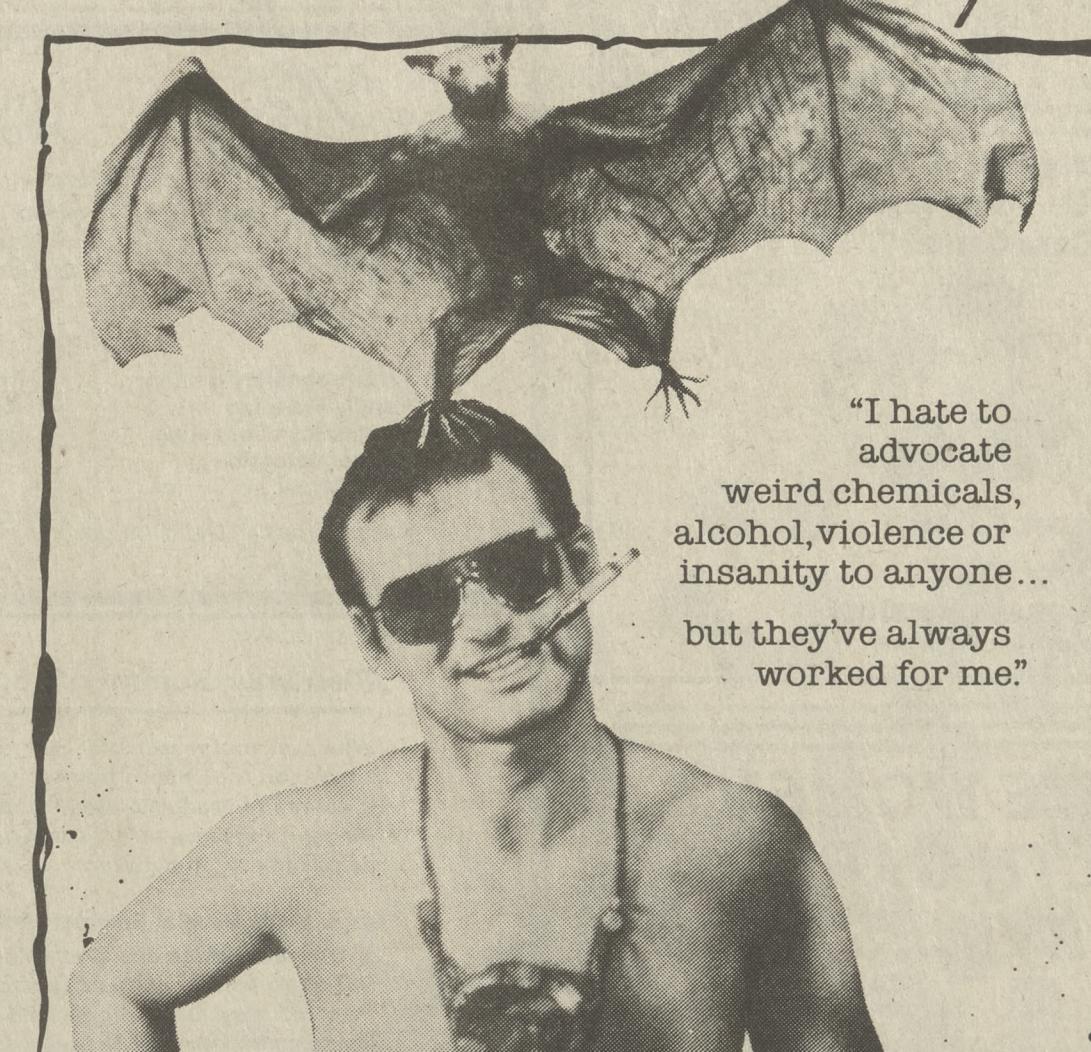
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# Taiwan Educators Visit Valley, Compare Chinese-U.S. Schools

By GWEN MACDONALD  
Staff Writer

Whether you live in the United States or thousands of miles away in Taiwan, the Republic of China, the same basic problems exist, according to three visitors from Taiwan who visited the campus last week.

The visitors, Sister Angela Chin, Wentz Women's Junior College; Betty Sun, Taipei Junior Teacher's College; and Brutus Hsu, senior specialist for the Bureau of Internal, Cultural, and Educational Relations, spent two days on campus and were given a sightseeing tour of the city as well as an opportunity to visit Disneyland.

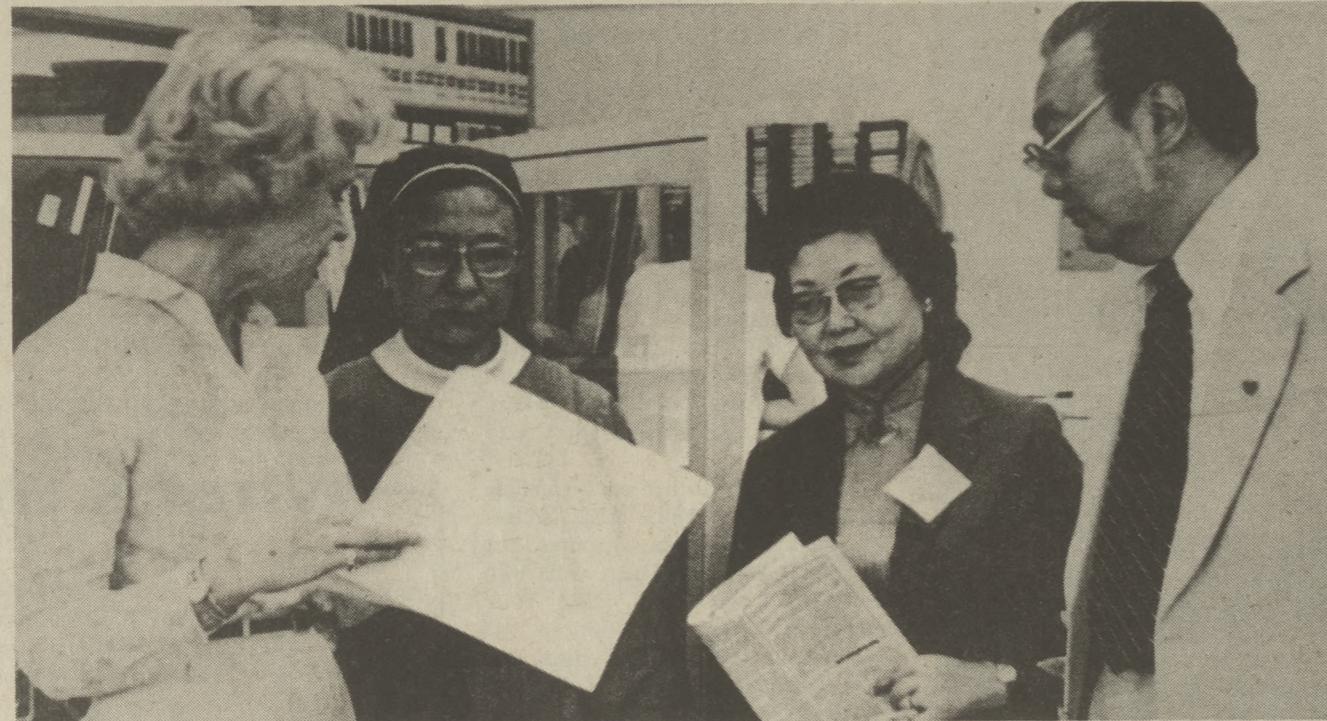
Under Taiwan's educational system, which is similar to that of the United States, students enter into the elementary school at 6 years of age and continue through junior high and high school for a period of 12 years, said Sun.

"However, we then require all students to attend two years of junior college, in which they either learn a skill or obtain necessary credits to enter a four year university," said Sister Chin.

Junior colleges specialize in various educational programs, but all students are required to study Chinese history, geography, philosophy, and psychology as well as a second language, said Hsu.

All classes are offered tuition-free by the government, but, according to Hsu, students are offered classes and books but no social activities.

Sister Chin, who is associated with a teacher's college in Taipei, said that competition among students who



**EAST MEETS WEST**—Visiting the Learning Center as part of their recent tour of the campus are (L-R) Pearl Leland, Prof. of Office Administration, Sister Angela Chin, of Wentz Women's Jr. College; Betty Sun of Taipei Jr. Teacher's College; and Brutus Hsu, senior specialist in the Ministry of Education.

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the government to a job. He has no choice in the matter.

Individuals who enter a profession often continue their studies at night while working full time. Often many of these continuing students have children and are as concerned as Americans about child care, said Sun.

According to Sun, children are cared for by private nurseries, neighbors, or relatives. Sun said she would like to see more parenting classes offered to adults, especially during the evening hours.

Hsu said that he was extremely impressed with the campus and by the facilities which are available to students. In Taiwan schools average about 50 people per class, he said.

**Armenian Genocide Told**

By JUDITH PFEFFER  
Staff Writer

Armenian Club members brought to public attention the 1915 genocide—the mass murder of over one million Armenians in Turkey in a presentation held Tuesday.

"We're having this day to raise some consciousness about the Armenian people," said Karen (Gary) Varjabedian, Armenian Club president. "Humanitarianism should come before politics. But even now, the Armenian people suffer when they try to assert themselves." Armenians still suffer discrimination in Turkey and in Soviet Armenia, he said.

Following a short film, "Forgotten Genocide, Part II," guest speaker Levon Marashlian, a doctoral candidate in Armenian history at UCLA, answered questions from the audience.

"The goals are twofold," said Marashlian. "First we want the Turkish government to acknowledge

## Clubs

### HILLEL

"Israel: Popular Images and Modern Myths," is the topic slated for today at 11 a.m. in Humanities 101. This program will be presented by Dr. Al Levine of Valley College and is sponsored by Hillel.

Arthur Waskow, Washington, D.C., editor of "Menora" magazine, will be speaking tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon in Campus Center 104. His speech is sponsored by Hillel.

### ITALIAN CLUB

A Federico Fellini production is the offering tonight at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall. "The Nights of Cabiria," sponsored by the Italian Club, is open to the public.

## RTD Will Hike Price, Rocket Student Rates

By JILL COX  
Staff Writer

Los Angeles community RTD passengers may be saving on gas consumption, but with a new rate increase, effective May 1, they may not be saving money.

"This new approach will both meet the District's financial needs and be fair and equitable to all our riders and the taxpaying public," said Thomas G. Neusom, RTD president.

April 12, in a special session, the RTD Board of Directors accepted a price hike which institutes a 50-cent base rate upon boarding the bus. Use of the bus transfer system will be eliminated altogether.

College students can expect a 114 percent increase in bus pass fares, which is \$16 more per month. The Southern California Rapid Transit District adopted a major policy change excluding college students

from utilizing student bus passes. As a replacement, "regular" passenger passes costing \$30 per month will be sold to college students.

Elementary, junior and senior high school, and college students now receive low bus pass fares of \$14 per month. Beginning May 1 lower grade and high school student rates will increase one dollar from \$14 to \$15. Consequently, college students will not be entitled to the special discount passes.

"It will eliminate the massive abuses we now experience with improper use of transfers and college level monthly passes, will establish appropriate levels of equity among all types of RTD riders, and will encourage those riders who have discretion about making their trips to ride at non-crowded off-peak periods," said Neusom.

Handicapped and elderly persons currently pay a 20-cent fare. Their fares will increase to 25 cents. They will be charged not only for their passes, but will be charged again if they board during the rush hours.

In addition to the 50-cent fare, passengers on express trips will pay another 30 cents for every approximate four miles of freeway traveled; therefore, bus trips will be anywhere from 80 cents to \$2. As for the \$30 basic monthly pass, this can be good for all local service. Pass riders fees for express trips will range from \$40 to \$80.

"It is the District's belief that the new fare approach will generate the funds needed to offset the additional \$31 million the public agency needs to balance its budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981," said Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager. He warned, though, that, "Today's 20 percent-plus inflation rate would have to fall to 12 percent to achieve this balanced budget situation."

And what about another rate hike in the near future? "No matter what we do, we probably will be back in a short time to raise fares again."

## Armenian Studies Program Comes to Valley, Answers Needs of Middle East Immigrants

By Sandy Pehlivanian  
Staff Writer

Are you interested in learning to say, "inchbees-ess?" Next fall semester, LAVC will offer classes in Armenian I, teaching students how to say, "How are you?" and more.

Angelo Villa, chairperson of the Valley foreign language department and Spanish instructor, formulated an Armenian studies plan in response to the growing number of members in the community. "There has been an influx of Armenians in the West Hollywood and Valley areas," said Villa.

Armenian emigration from the Soviet Union to the United States has been increasing with nearly 6,000 to settle in California in 1980. Most of these Armenians are natives of the Middle East packing up once more to join their families living abroad.

According to these facts and figures, Villa has prepared the fall program for Armenian I students and the spring semester for second-level Armenian. He mentioned, "We would like to broaden the cultural offerings at Valley." An Armenian civilization class is under consideration and will be developed further according to the

outcome in the fall.

A similar plan is in progress at Grant High School. Its director, Roxy Krekorian, has helped with the groundwork for Valley's upcoming foreign language classes.

Villa has also spoken to UCLA's Armenian Studies director and Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian, all of whom are enthusiastically awaiting the implementation of the new program. Villa said, "The Armenian community is anxious to see the program's success. We are going to serve the Armenians."

Grant High School's

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# Entertainment

## The Going Gets Weird 'Where Buffalo Roam'

By RAOUL DUKE

Staff Writer  
"When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."

Hunter S. Thompson

In "Where the Buffalo Roam," a film about the life and strange times of gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson, the going gets weird.

Loosely based on Thompson's Rolling Stone articles of 1968 to 1972, the film details the journalist's rise to culthood, his relationship with 300-pound Attorney Oscar Zeta (the Brown Buffalo) Acosta, and most of the pharmaceuticals listed in the Physicians Desk Reference.

Essentially plotless, the film is a very funny, visually contrived series of vignettes gleaned from the Rolling Stone pieces, and detailing the necessities of serious drug abuse during the Nixon years.

Bill Murray, of Saturday Night Live, portrays the hell-bent-for-morphine Thompson, and Peter Boyle is attorney Lazlo. Except for Thompson, the names of all the characters have been changed. "Rolling Stone," for instance is "Blast Magazine" in the film.

For those familiar with the legend of Thompson, Murray captures the essence of the drug-crazed journalist. Murray fails however, perhaps

because of his youth, to convey the absolute sense of despair, the conviction that death is imminent, that has become so much a part of the Thompson legend.

"Buffalo" has all the earmarks of a low-budget production. Like the "Ben Hogan Story" on acid, or "Cheech and Chong" with large caliber firearms, the film employs a first-person narrative that is the style of Thompson, to provide continuity to the various segments.

Drawing from Thompson's major articles, the story line intertwines the journalist's rise to fame with Lazlo's disillusionment with the legal profession and subsequent forays into revolution and drug smuggling.

As Thompson covers Super Bowl 1970, ventures into the college lecture circuit, and reports the re-election of Richard Nixon, Lazlo clandestinely reappears to involve Thompson in his latest projects.

Transition between each segment is provided by Thompson's narration and what the producers have described as screen splatters, by demented British artist Ralph Steadman.

Although Murray and Boyle do justice to their roles, "Where the Buffalo Roam" suffers from the weak casting of subordinate roles. Many of the characters seem out of place. The

overall feeling of the film is that of a caricature of the legend of Hunter Thompson.

"Buffalo" is no epic, yet fans of Gonzo Journalism should find it satisfying, and fans of drug abuse probably couldn't find it at all.

The Universal Pictures release starts tomorrow.

## Old Songs Resurrected By Chorale

By ARNOLD SOLOMON  
Staff Writer

Broadway musical theatre's most memorable songs of the '40's, '50's, and '60's were resurrected by the COTA Chorale Saturday night before a packed house in Valley's Little Theatre.

Performed in conjunction with the LAVC Music Department, the COTA Chorale's "31 Flavors of Broadway," ranged from fair to poor.

More than once, singers missed their cues. More than once a singer was in so low a register that he was inaudible to the back rows of the auditorium.

"Oklahoma," performed by the entire chorus, of 40 men and women, was the biggest treat of the evening, bringing a partial standing ovation and a curtain call for the lead singer.

COTA stands for Committee on the Arts. It is a non-profit organization devoted to bringing culture to the Valley, said one of its members.

Their programs are free because this is one of the criteria needed to receive government funds.

The concert was definitely a nostalgia trip. Songs from old standards like "Fiddler on the Roof," "South Pacific," and "Kismet," all successes on Broadway in their day, were reproduced with somewhat less professionalism than is their due, but with inspiration nonetheless.

"There Is Nothing Like a Dame," from "South Pacific," was a particularly good rendition by the 14 tuxedo-clad members of the male chorus. Some casual poses from some of the women's chorus, gave a little color to the number.

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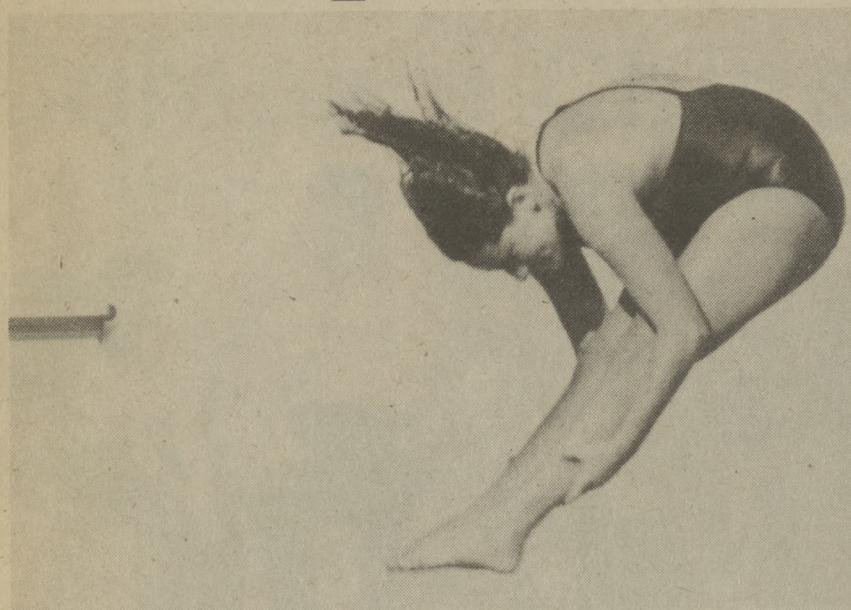
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# Sports



DIVING HOFFY—VC's Lori Hoffman executes an inward one and one-half somersault enroute to winning the Metro crown in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving last weekend at East L.A.

## Volleyballers Lose; Metro Tomorrow

By JIM VERNOR  
Associate Sports Editor

El Camino parlayed its strength at defensive blocking into a 15-7, 15-13, 15-8 Metro Conference volleyball victory over the Monarch spikers last Friday at Valley.

The loss dropped Valley to 1-6 in the conference and 3-8 overall. The Monarchs concluded regular season action yesterday at Pasadena, and will participate in the Metro Conference Tournament, which will be held tomorrow at Valley in the Men's Gymnasium.

"We played a good match against a finely coached team," said Head Coach Rick Beress. "We got to utilize our entire team, which is nice. But we just came up a little bit short. I still think we will win the tournament. We

will be strong, and use things we haven't used during the season."

Time and time again El Camino stifled the Monarch hitting attack with key blocking. After Valley tied the score at 5-5 on dunks by Jean Claude Tassy, El Camino took a commanding 14-5 advantage after blocking Jim Bishop, Robert Vowels, Aric Anderson, and Tim Rea.

The second game was considerably closer. This time Valley grabbed the lead at 6-1. Then, El Camino regrouped to tie it at 8-8. The score was tied three more times until El Camino won by blocking a Monarch spike.

After Valley took a 4-1 lead in the third game, El Camino came back to regain the lead at 5-4, and never trailed again.

# Aquamen Clinch Metro Crown Nine Qualify for State Meet

By JAVIER MENDOZA  
Assoc. Sports Editor

Seven individuals and three relay teams qualified for the state championships as Valley's aquamen won the Metro Conference Championship last weekend at East L.A. with a team score of 488 points.

The California J.C. Swimming Championships will be held at East Los Angeles College on May 1, 2, and 3.

"We'll be in the top ten at the state," said Mike Wiley, the men's swim team coach.

The members of the men's swim team who qualified for individual competition at the California J.C. Swimming Championships are Jim Armstrong, 100-yard and 200-yard Breaststroke; Jeff Arwine, 100-yard and 200-yard Butterfly; Chris Bucci, 400-yard Individual Medley; Robin Hunt, 100-yard Backstroke; Randy Hoehn, 100-yard Freestyle.

Qualifiers for relay team competition are Gary Beall, Bruce Mori, Jim Roberts, and Arwine in the 800-yard Freestyle Relay, Arwine, Beall, Hoehn, and Bill Parker in the 400-yard Freestyle Relay; Armstrong, Arwine, Hoehn, and Hunt in the 400-yard Medley Relay.

The aquamen humiliated their competition at the conference meet. Bakersfield, whose team finished second with a total score of 361 points, was 127 points behind Valley.

Valley's 400 Medley Relay team of Armstrong, Arwine, Hoehn, and Hunt shattered the existing school record set in 1977. The relay team's time of 3:39.43 bested the old record of 3:42.37 by almost three seconds.

Individual first place winners were Arwine in the 100-yard and 200-yard Butterfly, and Armstrong in the 100-yard Breast-Stroke.

In the one-meter diving competition, Jim Brady placed second with a score of 343.4, and James Shields placed sixth with a score of 305.8.

The pair reversed roles in the three-meter diving finals. Shields placed fourth with a score of 322.9, and Brady finished fifth with a score of 295.6.

Lori Hoffman, of the women's swim

team, won the metro crown in both the one-meter and three-meter diving competition.

All three of Valley's divers will be competing at the Southern California J.C. Diving Championships, which

will be held at East L.A. today and tomorrow.

Other members who contributed to the team effort are David McJunkin, Mark Domuret, Jim Beaudry, Jim Coles, Garth Canning, Brent Bowers.



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STATE SWIMMING SQUAD—Qualifiers for the Calif. J.C. Swimming Championships, to be held at East L.A. on May 1, 2 and 3, are (TOP, L-R) Robin Hunt, Jim Roberts, Chris Bucci; (BOTTOM L-R) Jeff Arwine, Bruce Mori, Jim Armstrong.

Not pictured: Gary Beall, Bill Parker, and Randy Hoehn.

## Lady Hoopsters Dribble

### Their Way to Victory

By JIM VERNOR  
Assoc. Sports Editor

Gigi Graves and Kathy Kelley scored 15 points apiece to lead the Women's Basketball squad to a 57-54 victory over Pasadena last Thursday at Valley.

The win raised the Lady Monarchs' record to 7-5 in the Metro Conference and 13-8 over-all. They played at El Camino Tuesday, and will have their final home game next Tuesday against Long Beach.

"This was one of the better games we played," said Head Coach Craig Robb. "We had good team defense, and offensively we did well. Teamwork was the key. We try to stress the team concepts. We got some timely rebounds from Kathy Kelley. Kathy and Gigi are both outstanding individuals. Jackie Pyle has been giving us consistent leadership at guard."

Valley built a 20-13 lead with eight minutes left in the first half, and expanded it to 29-17 on a three-point-play by Julie Fauort. The Monarchs held a 31-24 advantage at intermission.

In the second half, Pasadena outscored Valley 19-9 to grab a 43-40 lead with 11 minutes remaining. However, Valley regained the lead at 48-45 on two free throws by Kelley and a three-point-play by Graves. Julie Field then made it 52-45 on a jumpshot and two free throws.

With just two minutes left, Pasadena cut Valley's lead to 53-52, but a basket by Kelley with a little over a minute remaining gave Valley the decisive points. Fauort sank two charity shots with 34 seconds left to ensure the win. Fauort finished with 10 points, while Field added six and Pyle scored five points.

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Women's Basketball—April 24	Valley at Pierce	5 p.m.
April 29	Long Beach at Valley	7 p.m.
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